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Yukon Museums Receive Capital Assistance Funding

WHITEHORSE – The Yukon Historical and Museums Association (YHMA) and eight Yukon museums will share $300,000 in Special Projects Capital Assistance Program funding, announced Tourism and Culture Minister Elaine Taylor.

"Museums play an important role in preserving and protecting Yukon's natural and cultural heritage," Taylor said. The Yukon government is proud to support these important institutions and is pleased to provide funding in support of their continued work to safeguard Yukon's history. "

"MacBride Museum is very pleased to receive this funding for our Collections Work Project," Hank Moorlag, chair of the MacBride Museum's board of directors, said. "As people may know, the MacBride Museum has been expanding its facilities and its broad range of collections. We will now be able to continue our program of improving the collection records, cataloguing, and providing better access for researchers."

"The Yukon Historical and Museums Association is very pleased to receive funding for continued joint marketing projects for Yukon heritage attractions as well as an innovative podcast development project YHMA will be undertaking in partnership with the Whitehorse Boys and Girls Club," YHMA President Brent Slobodin said. "Together the projects will help increase visitation to our local museums and provide visitors and residents with fun opportunities to take part in and learn about our local history."

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The Special Projects Capital Assistance Program, established in 2006, supports specialized and small capital projects that include assistance toward joint marketing initiatives, artefact inventory and cataloguing, exhibit planning and development and collections management.

The Museum Funding Review Panel, consisting of museum professionals from around Yukon, adjudicated the proposals.

In total, approximately $1.3 million in direct government funding will be provided to Yukon's museums, interpretive centres and First Nation cultural and heritage centres in fiscal year 2008/09.

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2008/09 Special Projects Capital Assistance Program Recipients:

Applicant	Name of Project	Amount Allocated
Copperbelt Railway and Mining Museum	Small Capital Improvements – support to develop, purchase, and install interpretive panels for the interior and exterior of the Copperbelt Railway and Mining Museum	**$16,799**
Dawson City Museum	Gift Shop Redesign – support to improve the gift shop at the Dawson City Museum to enhance revenue generation	**$21,211**

Dawson City Museum	Collections Project – support to assist with artefact inventory and cataloguing at the Dawson City Museum	**$34,761**
George Johnston Museum	Phase II - Gallery Preparation – support to assist with the preparation of the Radio Repeater Station for exhibit installation.	**$32,626**
Keno City Mining Museum	New Outhouse Structures – support to assist the Keno City Mining Museum with the purchase and installation of new outhouse structures and hand washing facilities	**$12,199**
Keno City Mining Museum	"Exploring Keno Hill" Pamphlet – support for the production of an informative brochure for museum visitors	**$5,921**
MacBride Museum	Collection Work – support to assist with artefact inventory and cataloguing at the MacBride Museum	**$65,138**
Northern Lights Centre	Revenue Generation Project – support for the development of a unique Yukon product to sell at the centre's gift shop	**$5,977**
Old Log Church Museum	Phase I - Exhibit Research and Development – support for the research and development of a new permanent exhibit for the museum	**$28,300**
Old Log Church Museum	Risk Management and Disaster Plan – support for the development of a risk management plan and disaster plan for the museum	**$6,600**
Yukon Transportation Museum	Facility Upgrades – support to upgrade and improve the facilities for improved visitor services, artefact care, and provide for the safety of the museum, visitors and staff	**$16,858**
Yukon Transportation Museum	Collections Management 101 - support to assist with artefact inventory and cataloguing at the Yukon Transportation Museum	**$14,835**

Yukon Historical and Museums Association	Museums Joint Marketing – support for cooperative marketing ventures for Yukon museums	**$15,800**
Yukon Historical and Museums Association	Walking Tour Enhancement – support to assist YHMA with enhancing walking tours through the use of new materials and technology	**$22,975**
	TOTAL:	**$300,000**

(left to right) Hank Moorlag, chair of the MacBride Museum's board of directors, Tourism and Culture Minister Elaine Taylor and Patricia Cunning, executive director of the MacBride Museum of Yukon History.